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SUBJECT: 58TH ECOSOC: ITEM 5 TRANSPORTATION

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1. AGENDA ITEM 5, TRANSPORTATION, INTRODUCED IN ECOSOC PLENARY ON MONDAY MAY 5 AND CONCLUDED ON MAY 6.

2. ON MONDAY MAY 5 US DEL (KLEIN) INTRODUCED TWO RESES AND AUSTRALIAN AND UK INTRODUCED AMENDMENTS TO US RESES (SEE REFTTEL; UK ALSO INTRODUCED A SPEARATE RES (SEE REFTTEL). BRAZIL PROPOSED THAT DEICISIONS ON THESE RESES BE POSTPONED UNTIL 59TH ECOSOC. WHEN DISCUSSION ON ITEM RESUMED MAY 6 BRAZILIAN PROPOSAL SUPPORTED BY EGYPT, MEXICO, PAKISTAN AND ALGERIA.

3. EARLIER INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS BY US AND UK DELS WITH DELS OF MEXICO, BRAZIL, ARGENTINA (WHICH ALSO ALIGNED WITH BRAZILIAN PROPOSAL BUT DID NOT SAY SO BUBLICLY) AND ALGERIAN INDICATED THAT PROPOSAL TO POSTPONE WOULD IF NECESSARY BE FOUGHT ON THE FLOOR OF ECOSOC IF US/UK PUSHED FOR ADOPTION.

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BRAZIL DEL (BRITO) ALSO INDICATED THAT HE WOULD OFFER AMENDMENTS WHICH HE INFERRED WOULD BE DESTRUCTIVE (COMMENT: PROBABLY AMENDMENTS REGARDING NIEO AND THE LIKE, WHICH WAS ABRITO TACTIC IN LAST GA ON POPULATION ITEM.)

4. ACCORDINGLY, US AND UK DELS ACQUIESCED TO POSTPONEMENT PROPOSAL. IN ACQUIESCING STATEMENT US DEL CALLED COUNCIL'S ATTENTION TO FACT THAT POSTPONEMENT DID NOT AFFECT WHOLE SERIES OF PRIOR ECOSOC ACTIONS TAKEN WITH REGARD RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON TRANSPORTATION OF DANGEROUS GOODS BUT ONLY APPLIED TO RECOMMENDATIONS MADE AT 8TH SESSION OF EXPERT COMMITTEE.

5. PAKISTAN INTERVENTION NOTED PARA 2 PROPOSED DECISIONS OF RESES BE DERERRED UNTIL 60TH ECOSOC RATHER THAN 59 TH ON GROUNDS 59TH ECOSOC ALREADY HAD A VOLUMINOUS AGENDA. MEXICO PRESSED FOR 59 TH SESSION AND PAKISTAN ACQUIESCED.

6. COMMENT. IT CLEAR FROM FOREGOING DEVELOPMENTS THAT DAYS OF EASY SAILING OF COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON TRANSPORTATION OF DANGEROUS GOODS ARE OVER. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WANT IN THE ACT NOW. ARGUMENT THAT THEY NOT NOW IN THE ACT WAS MAJOR POINT OF BRAZILIANS. ALSO, AS NOTED REFTEL, SHOULD ECOSOC NOT HAVE DECIDED TO POSTPONE, THE MEXICANS WERE STANDING BY TO INTRODUCE AN AMENDMENT TO US RES WHICH WOULD HAVE PERMITTED DEVELOPING COUNTRY PARTICIPATION (SPECIFICALLY MEXICAN AMENDMENT WOULD HAVE REQUIRED THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT DECISIONS OF THE UNCTAD COMMITTEE ON MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT.) THE US SHOULD BE PREPARED AT 59TH ECOSOC FOR PROPOSALS ALONG THESE LINES. US SHOULD ALSO ANTICIPATE ACTIVE MEXICAN PARTICIPATION, WHICH APPEARED TO BE ONLY LDC COUNTRY WITH ANY GRASP OF SUBSTANCE OF EXPERT COMMITTEE'S WORK.  
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